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| SENATE BILL                          | NO. 108         |        |  |  |
| (By Senator                          | CRAIGO,         | )      |  |  |
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## Senate Bill No. 108

(SENATOR CRAIGO, original sponsor)

[Passed March 13, 1998; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section twelve, article two, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to including the use of mace or pepper spray in the definition of aggravated robbery.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section twelve, article two, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 2. CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON.

### §61-2-12. Robbery or attempted robbery; bank robbery and assaults in committing or attempting; penalties.

- 1 (a) Any person who commits or attempts to commit
- 2 robbery by partial strangulation or suffocation, or by
- 3 striking or beating, or by other violence to the person, or
- by the threat or presenting of firearms, other deadly 4
- weapons or instrumentalities, by the use of mace, pepper 5
- spray or similar disabling chemical substance or by the 6
- 7 use of a stun gun or similar electronic shock device, is
- 8 guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be impris-
- 9 oned for not less than ten years. Any person who commits
- or attempts to commit a robbery in any other mode or by 10
- any other means, except as provided for in subsection (b) 11
- of this section, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, 12
- 13 shall be imprisoned for not less than five nor more than
- 14 eighteen years.
- (b) (1) Any person who, by force and violence or by 15
- putting in fear, feloniously takes, or feloniously attempts 16
- to take, from the person or presence of another, any 17
- property or money or any other thing of value belonging 18
- to, or in the care, custody, control, management or posses-19
- 20 sion of any bank, is guilty of a felony and, upon convic-
- tion, shall be imprisoned for not less than ten nor more 21
- 22than twenty years; and (2) Any person who, in committing
- or in attempting to commit any offense defined in subdivi-23 sion (1) of this subsection, assaults any person, or puts in 24
- jeopardy the life of any person by the use of a dangerous
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- weapon or device, is guilty of a felony and, upon convic-26
- tion, shall be imprisoned for not less than ten nor more 27
- than twenty-five years. 28

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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